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Pursuing our request to learn more about the status of the ongoing, multicenter European study of ETS and lung cancer being led by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Dr. Helmut Reif, PM Europe Science & Technology, visited IARC in Lyon. (A copy of his trip report is attached.) Helmut was able to meet and speak with the two principal investigators involved in the study: Drs. E. Riboli and R. Saracci (page 3 of the trip report).

Highlights:

- The study may be finished in mid-1994.
- They are having difficulties in accumulating sufficient numbers of nonsmoker lung cancer cases.
- Riboli expressed doubts that epidemiological studies would ever give any conclusive answer about ETS and the risk of nonsmoker lung cancer.

Earlier this year, IARC announced the appointment of a new Director - Dr. Paul Kleihues - to replace Dr. L. Tomatis who had served since 1982. (A copy of a press release is attached.) Dr. Kleihues is reportedly a "fervent antismoker" who believes that "passive smoking is more dangerous than active smoking."

Attachments

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